

MINUTES

Twenty-Ninth General Conference International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Afternoon Business Session

Chaplain Colonel Chad Bellamy (USAF) led the opening devotion and prayer.

Bishop Ray Willis, Superintendent of the SonShine Network Conference, welcomed the delegates to the 29th General Conference and the state of Florida. Bishop Blas Ramirez, Superintendent of Red de Ministerios SonShine, prayed in Spanish.

Bishop Thomas H. McGhee, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of Discipleship Ministries, introduced the Chairman of the 29th General Conference, Presiding Bishop Dr. Arthur Douglas Beacham, Jr.

The Chairman called the session to order at 2:16 p.m.

Bishop Randell Drake, Chairman of the Delegate Certification Committee, read the report, drawing attention to the proposed changes. DELEGATE CERTIFICATION REPORT WAS ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

Bishop Randell Drake thanked Bishop Ray Boggs and Bishop Danny Nelson for their contribution and service.

Bishop Abel Palomo, Chairman of the Decorum Committee, read the report, noting the proposed changes. DECORUM COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

Bishop Abel Palomo thanked Rev. H. Larry Jones, Bishop Larry Herrera, Bishop Hector Andrade, and Bishop Dale Adams for their contribution and service.

The Chairman recognized the Chief Teller, Rev. Terry Lowder, and thanked Rev. W. A. Mills for coordinating the ushers.

The Chairman established the Bar and asked all registered and voting delegates to move within the designated seating area. He then provided a brief review on how to operate the voting device.

Bishop J. Talmadge Gardner read the delegate count as of 2 p.m.:

Clergy: 523

Clergy Spouse: 142

Retired: 26

Retired Spouse: 14

Senior Pastor: 17

Senior Pastor Spouse: 7

Lay: 201
Other: 22
Total: 952

The Chairman introduced Bishop Mike Ainsworth, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, and requested that he and his committee come to the platform so the General Conference can begin consideration of the Bylaws Committee report.

The Chair of the Bylaws Committee began reviewing the suggested amendments to the Bylaws.

Proposed amendment to page 71, lines 12-15: “If a situation arises which merits an emergency consideration that requires a change to the Bylaws, it must be submitted (along with a statement of justification) to the Council of Bishops and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Bishops. A requirement of no less than 20 votes in support of said change shall be necessary.” MOTION ADOPTED

Article I. Organizational Structure – General Level, Section A was adopted as amended.

Article I. Organizational Structure – General Level, Section B was adopted.

Proposed amendment to page 74, line 9: add 6) Two (2) members nominated and elected by the previous General Conference; line 14: add “non-elected” before the word “membership” MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 74, line 7: “Four (4) Senior Pastors.” and line 8: “Four (4) laypersons.” MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 74, lines 7-8: that at least one of the four Senior Pastors and at least one of the four laypersons will be a female. MOTION ADOPTED

Article I. Organizational Structure – General Level, Section C was adopted as amended.

Proposed amendment to page 75, line 17: remove the proposed word, “elected”. MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 75, lines 21-22 to revert to the original language. MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 76, lines 1-3: “3. Three pastors and three lay members recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Council of Bishops.” MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 77, lines 1-2 to revert to the original language. MOTION ADOPTED

The Chairman requested the Chair of the Bylaws Committee read the entirety of the remainder of Article I to put proposed amendments in context.

A motion was made to make Dr. Conrad Lowe’s IPHC Concluding Report available to all General Conference delegates for review. MOTION ADOPTED

The afternoon business session recessed at 4:56 p.m.